The Righteousness of Christ: Delighting to Do the Father's Will

He took the form of a servant

According to the dictionary: slave, servant = A person deprived of any rights, in the full possession of a master...; A person who blindly and servilely satisfies the will of another.

Lord Jesus is the Son of God, but when He came down to earth, out of His great love for the Heavenly Father, He offered Himself as a servant to God.

This is how Lord Jesus lived His whole life on this earth and calls us to have this mind in us which was also in Him. (Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant. Philippians 2:5,7)

This was Lord Jesus. Let us think of a Slave = a person who servant, a slave who is at his master. He has no blindly and servilely right to decide what to do in the master's yard.

satisfies the will of another! He enters the master and is a slave who does only what the master says.

He is the Son of God and we appreciate Him for this, but to appreciate someone who offers himself as a servant and who calls us to do the same humiliating thing, not many accept this.

Lord Jesus did nothing of Himself, absolutely nothing. This mind was in the Lord Jesus and He asks us to have it too.

Though He was in the form of God, though He was the Son of God, He did not consider it at hand to be equal with God. He made Himself of no reputation, took the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death.

Lord Jesus admired and loved the Heavenly Father so much that He kept the Word of God as a servant. We are also called to this; to keep the Word of Christ as a servant to his master.

It is one of the most despised things, it is the lowest position to offer yourself as a servant to someone, to no longer do whatever you want. It is insignificant, it is despised. Yet we are called to this. (But now being made free from sin, and become

servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Romans 6:22)

Once you have offered yourselves as servants to God... God does not enter into a relationship with us as partners. He does not want us to just bring Him our sacrifices (gifts) and thus buy our place in His eternal Kingdom. No, He wants us to love Him so much that we offer ourselves as servants willingly. (Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened. Psalms 40:6)

Servants of Christ, to this we have been called, to live as He lived. (He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 1 John 2:6) This is how the disciples of the Lord lived, this is how we must live as servants of Christ. (Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ. Romans 1:1; Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:1)

Only if we find in Him the embodiment of perfect beauty, the pearl of great price, only then will we love Him with all our heart, with all our mind, only then will the desire to be like Him be triggered in us, to deny ourselves, the desire to offer ourselves as servants and to learn only from Him.

Only love with all the heart and with all the mind is what determines me to offer myself as a servant willingly, not forced by anyone. Only this obedience of a servant to the master can result in the building of the image of the Lord step by step in all details.

Only when His ordinances are my delight, only then will I deny myself and offer myself as a servant to Him willingly. (I will delight myself in thy statutes. Psalms 119:16; Thy law is within my heart. Psalms 40:8)

Only when His words are a delight to us, only then do we build in obedience to all the details brought to us by the Holy Spirit, only then will we be truly transformed. The Spirit changes us from beauty to beauty after the image of the Lord only if we fully obey Him, down to the smallest details. (Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness. Psalms 119:40)

You cannot become a servant of Christ until the old man dies, until you are determined to obey in all things. (It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. 2 Timothy 2:11)

Our model, which we must imitate in all aspects, is Lord Jesus. He admired and loved the Father so much that He willingly became a servant, obedient in everything. He became a servant willingly because both the ordinances and the commandments of the Father were His delight. (Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant. Philippians 2:5,7)

Only those who are attracted by His traits and offer themselves as servants The one who becomes willingly have holiness as their fruit and a servant of Christ has eternal life as their end. (But now being made sanctification as their fruit free from sin, and become servants to God, and eternal life as their end. ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. Romans 6:22)

It is essential to understand that all the commandments of the Lord by which we must live are a faithful image of His character, of His way of being; they show us how He lived, they show us His ways. All, absolutely all His commandments, actually represent Him.

Therefore, we cannot neglect any commandment, because the traits of the Lord are found in His commandments. In each of His teachings is hidden a trait of the Lord. Just as in the human embryo all the traits of the one who is to be born are hidden, so are the traits of Lord Jesus hidden in the seed of God. (The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11)

So if I desire with all my heart to have the traits of His character, then His commandments will be a delight to me, then I will love them. I will joyfully obey as a servant all His commandments and I will become like Him. (Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Psalms 119:127; I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments. Psalms 119:131)

Check yourself! Have you offered to live as a servant, obedient in all things to Lord Jesus as He did in His relationship with the Heavenly Father? Are the Lord’s commandments a delight to you?

Righteousness

Definition of righteousness = objective, fair, impartial, just, and incorruptible. One of the most beautiful character traits of Lord Jesus is righteousness. He loved righteousness and hated iniquity. (He... is righteous. 1 John 3:7) The Holy Scripture calls Him the King of righteousness.

If we are attracted and love with all our hearts this character trait of Lord Jesus, which is of perfect beauty, we will be hungry and thirsty for His righteousness and we will desire to live righteously as He lived. (Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6; But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness. Matthew 6:33)

Those who are born again and are in the Kingdom of God love righteousness and hate iniquity. Thus we have at hand a simple criterion by which we can easily check if we are born again. (If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. 1 John 2:29)

One of the most important things in the Kingdom of God is righteousness/ holiness. (For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17; Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever. Psalms 93:5)

Citizens of the Kingdom of God do not deceive, do not use gifts/bribes, do not covet and do not take things that belong to others; if they are in school, they do not use cheating, they do not have stolen/pirated software on their computers, they do not take and do not use things from the workplace that do not belong to them. Example: They do not use the car or any of the company's things for personal purposes. (Neither shalt thou desire… any thing that is thy neighbour's. Deuteronomy 5:21)

The Word of Scripture warns us that whoever does not live in righteousness is not born of God. (In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God. 1 John 3:10)

If until now we are not subject to the authority ordained by God, if we do not love the command of Lord Jesus that tells us to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, if we do not delight in it, if we are greedy and do not want to pay our taxes, if we work under the table, if we give bribes at the hospital and in other places, if the television/ internet of the world is our food... then we are not attracted to this character trait of Lord Jesus and we do not desire to live as He lived. (Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's. Matthew 22:21)

Check yourself: Are you hungry and thirsty to be righteous in all things? Do you want to live in the righteousness in which Lord Jesus lived?

In conclusion, we can easily observe that in these things in which He lived, He has called us to live, and we can live as He lived. If we live like this, the Holy Spirit will change us from beauty to beauty after the image of the Lord until we reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Only if we live as He lived can His character traits be imprinted in us, namely His righteousness, long-suffering, kindness, love, mercy...

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